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Department of Finance & Administration
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Dear [REDACTED]

ACA claims – 2008/2009

In advance of the final deadline for ACA submissions for 2008/09, we enclose an end of year mortgage statement which sets out interest payments for the year.

As you will be aware, based on interest rates for the first part of the financial year 2008-09, which indicated our mortgage payments for the year would be over £24,000, we have been claiming £1,000 each per month towards our mortgage.

From April 2008 – February 2009 we therefore claimed £22,000 between us.

In March we requested our end of year mortgage statement, to see what the net effect of the change in interest rates meant for our mortgage interest payments over the year. We enclose a copy of the statement.

The statement shows that, due to reduced interest rates, our mortgage interest payments totalled a reduced rate of £19,300 for the year 2008/09.

[REDACTED] in Ed's office discussed this matter with you in early April. You advised us on the appropriate approach to take to refund the overpayment.

We would therefore like to refund £2,700 of ACA claims. Please find enclosed two cheques for £1,350 – one from Ed and one from Yvette.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Balls

Yvette Cooper